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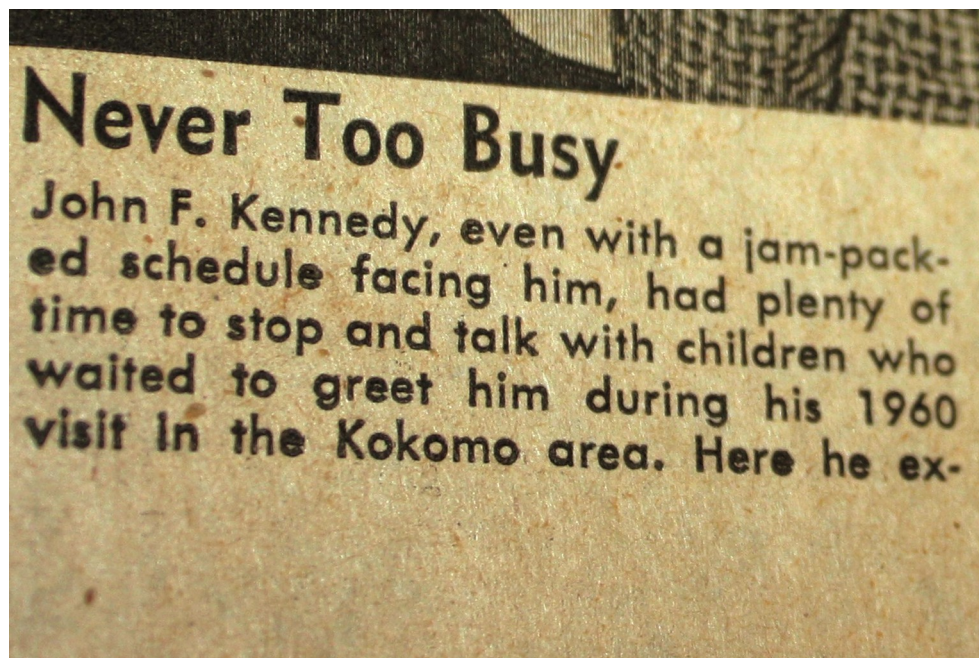


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MEMORIAL: People in Kokomo planned their own religious services to commemorate the passing of President Kennedy.



SHOCK: These Kokomoans were interviewed for a man-on-the-street reaction story for the Nov. 24, 1963 edition of the Kokomo Tribune.



MAKING TIME: Many locals remember Kennedy's April 29, 1960 visit to the Kokomo area fondly.



GREETINGS: Two days after the assassination the Kokomo Tribune re-ran this file photo of then-candidate Kennedy arriving in the Kokomo area on a campaign stop.



SADNESS: The nation's newspapers, including the Kokomo Tribune, expressed the grief of a nation in the wake of the murder.

JFK Eulogized For Poetry Circle At Friday Meeting

A poem about President John F. Kennedy, "He Gave His Life for His Country," was read by Mrs. Mabel Kistler for the Kokomo Poetry Circle Friday evening.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE
FOR HIS COUNTRY

"He gave his life for his country
As leader of our land.
He gave his life as Lincoln—
Both died by assassin's hand.

"He gave his life for men differ,
But no mind should hate
like this,
That grief and pain he would
offer,
Instead of gladness and
bliss."

The meeting occurred in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James

Spitzer.

Poems read and discussed were "When Dreamers Dream," by George Ehrman; "Piece de Resistance," Millie Peterson; "Indian Summer," Lewis Schanbacher, in memory of Howard Armstrong, a former member; "Wilderness Cathedral," Mildred Gilbert; "When Christ Was Born," Nellie Francis; "Moments That Thrill," Eva Ehrman; "Provider," by Cordelia Spitzer; "Only A Baby," Mabel Kistler; "Fall Fashions," Jewell Helms. Lewis Schanbacher was named contest chairman for the spring poetry contest.

It was announced that one prose article had been sold and six poems and one song were accepted for publication.

'HE GAVE HIS LIFE': The Kokomo Poetry Circle read a poem by Mrs. Mabel Kistler on the evening of the assassination about the slain leader.

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Prime Suspect

DALLAS: Police seized Lee H. Oswald, identified as chairman of a "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," as the prime suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy. Police said Oswald, 24, was accused in the slaying of a Dallas policeman shortly after the shooting of the President. This is a 1959 file photo of a Lee Oswald of Ft. Worth, Tex., as he applied for Soviet citizenship in Moscow. (Unifax)

DETAINED: The day after the assassination, this photo of Lee Harvey Oswald was printed on the front page of the Kokomo Tribune.

table transition between the Kennedy administration and his own, Johnson said: "I think continuity without confusion has

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Kokomoans Back On Schedules

Business places, industries and schools in Kokomo were back on regular schedules Tuesday following the burial of the late President John F. Kennedy.

For many it will be a two-day week because of Thanksgiving which will be stretched into a four-day holiday.

LIFE GOES ON: After four days of mourning, Kokomoans were back at work. Well, those who weren't off for Thanksgiving already, anyway.

How the Kokomo Tribune reported the assassination

A half-century later, a look back at our JFK coverage.

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Kokomo Tribune

A few months back, a reader brought us a stack of yellowing editions of the Kokomo Tribune. She said she had found them in her parents' attic and wanted to see if we wanted them before they headed to the trash heap. We quickly agreed and started perusing the bounty. In addition to several copies of papers relating to the April 1965 tornado outbreak, we found three copies concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy: the Nov. 23, 24 and 27, 1963 editions of the paper. Fifty years later, these papers constitute a time capsule of local reactions to the monumental event.

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